

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT- WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING
STIPEND PROGRAM**

The County of Los Angeles-Department of Mental Health (DMH) awards educational stipends to eligible students in the following disciplines:

Master's in Social Work
Marriage and Family Therapy
Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

DMH awards education stipends of \$18,500 to eligible graduates. The goal of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Workforce Education and Training (WET) Stipend program is to increase the public mental health workforce with qualified individuals committed to providing services in high priority areas. Stipend recipients will need to be employed for at least one year in Los Angeles County as an MFT Intern, MSW, or Nurse Practitioner in a public mental health agency (DMH directly operated or contracted agencies).

The following are MHSA –WET Stipend Program objectives:

1. Recruit graduate students with linguistic capacity in one of the threshold languages in areas identified as high need. The threshold languages include: Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Farsi, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, and additional Chinese dialects.
2. Recruit graduate students who have cultural competency and the capacity to provide culturally appropriate and sensitive services in areas /and or programs identified as high needs.
3. Recruit graduate students who would be employed to serve in areas/programs the County has designated as workforce priority.
4. Recruit graduate students who have prior training experience with public mental health services to veteran, either through practicum (traineeship) training or curriculum specialization.
5. Recruit graduate students who have prior training or experience with public mental health services provided too older adults, either through practicum (traineeship) training or curriculum specialization.
6. Recruit graduate students who have prior experience in the mental health delivery system of the County of DMH though previous or current employment or practicum, (traineeship) training.

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